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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: SAKASHITA et al.

Group Art Unit: 1713

Serial No.: 09/530,202

Examiner: Kelechi C. Egwim

Filed: April 26, 2000

P.T.O. Confirmation No.: 3928

For: **PROCESSING AID FOR VINYL/CHLORIDE RESIN AND VINYL/CHLORIDE
RESIN COMPOSITION**

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

March 14, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 14, 2002, the response due date having been extended to March 14, 2003 by a Petition for 1-month Extension of Time, Applicants submit the following remarks and Declaration.

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 are pending in this application. Claims 1-4 are rejected.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kishida et al., Tuzuki et al., Matsuba et al. or GB 1378434 for reasons cited in previous Office actions.

Regarding the "at least 0.24" of Tuzuki et al. and the "at least 0.41" of Matsuba et al. compared with Applicants' claimed "at least 0.5", the Examiner disagrees with Applicants'

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